

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

The Street Called Straight
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Another investigator, this time it's a policeman of Pittsburgh, gives as from the depth of her experience the statement that most girls "go wrong" because of repression at home. She argues they are "starving for pleasure." She says:
"Many girls of sixteen or seventeen leave home and are forced to find work because there is not enough money at home to maintain the family. Sometimes there are several younger brothers and sisters for whose food and clothing her earnings must go. The girl naturally becomes discontent. She sees no future ahead. She wants her money for the nice clothes she sees other girls wearing. Frequently she runs away."
Then the investigator adds:
"Whatever you say to a girl of sixteen who never has been allowed to spend a cent of the money she earned upon herself. Usually she has not been ill-treated at home. But she has no pretty clothes, and her parents and family treat the little money she has been able to earn. It's pretty hard on the girl, isn't it?"
The answer to that seems simple enough to any one who will look at the situation with clear vision. Such a girl should be plainly told of the danger that lies ahead for her; but above all, provision should be made for her to the end that she may have some of the simple pleasures for which she is starving; good food and decent surroundings for her hours that are free from toil. Supply this, and the rest will be taken care of without difficulty. Certain false ideals in our civilization must be thrown down utterly before the greater work can be accomplished. One of these ideals is that luxury means happiness. A standard that will insist on the preservation of the home circle, that will provide a fair outlook on life, and not before the mental vision of the boy or girl with distorted images of delights that really are dead fruits is needed. Such a standard calls for a considerable revision of the present-day social program, but it is not impossible of accomplishment. The street called Straight ought to be made a little easier. ELIZABETH A. Philadelphia, July 7, 1922.

Beauty in Old Age
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I would dearly love to see a picture of the queen of beauty lately crowned in Liege, Belgium. She is eighty years old, the cable dispatch reporting this event said:
"The wonder is not that this white-haired grandmother is beautiful, but that her charm should find public recognition. Some of the finest faces are those of old women. In them is character, understanding and sympathy that lights up the countenance with a gentle animation. In the most beautiful there may also be found a trace of sorrow and suffering that imparts a graceful composure which serves partly to conceal it."
Untried by time and untested by life, the beauty of youth has about it a certain hollowness. So much of it is fleeting change. Those Belgians have set a new fashion in crowning the aged Madame Perard, and given the world something to think about.

Lawless Auto Driving
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—A man was arrested in a neighboring city a few days ago for speeding and incidentally for injuring a woman. He was held pending the outcome of the injuries which he inflicted and meanwhile he is at large on \$20 bail.
That is the estimate which some of our courts apparently place on human life. I know nothing of the circumstances of this case except the newspaper reports, but the fact that the man was arrested at all is evidence that in the opinion of the arresting officer he was a criminal, whose misdeeds had put a human life in great jeopardy.
The crime—if there was any crime—was committed when the man drove at unlawful speed. Thousands of such crimes are committed every day in the year in Philadelphia, as elsewhere, and the criminals go their way unmolested if nobody is hurt.
The greatest danger to the Republic lies in the general habit of defying our

laws, for which the courts of the country are almost wholly responsible. Why should one obey the law if nothing will happen to him if he does not? Jail sentences for speeding would quickly lead to the habit of safe driving. JOHN F. WILSON. Philadelphia, July 5, 1922.

Wet Ready to Be Convinced
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I have been greatly informed by the courageous editorials dealing with Volsteadism appearing from time to time in both the morning and evening editions of your paper and also greatly amused by the letters on the same subject appearing in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

If any of your readers will answer the following three questions—I try to have an open mind—I will promise, if convinced, to change from an old-fashioned before-the-war wet to an ardent dry. How can prohibition be a success when it is based on a lie, the lie being that it is a crime to take a drink of liquor containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol? By what logic or law of reason had any individual, sect or society the right to mutilate the finest Constitution ever formulated by man by putting a T. N. T. bomb like the Eighteenth Amendment in it, when the said Constitution guarantees to every citizen the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness? How was it possible for Congress to pass a prohibition law when there was not one Congressman sent to Washington on a prohibition platform or by any party having a prohibition plank in its platform? C. F. K. Philadelphia, July 7, 1922.

"The Truth of History"
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Customs change with the years, and to attempt to impose the standards of today on the manner of life in past centuries is a childish and ignorant mistake. What Senator Tom Watson, of Georgia, hoped to prove by his statement not long ago that George Washington traded a slave for a barrel of West Indian rum, no one can say. Perhaps he had no further aim than to petty public attention.
Certainly no grown man would endeavor to maintain that merely because George Washington did a certain thing which was considered proper in his day a repetition of that deed would be justified in the present age. Our first President drank his coffee out of a vauzer, and in his mansion at Mount Vernon had not even the conveniences requisite to a modern tenement, but that proves nothing except that life has changed.

It is due to a recognition of this fact, as much as to any desire to conceal the weaknesses of our national heroes, that a strongly supported movement for the censorship of history textbooks is being carried on. A committee of high school teachers in New York has recommended that several school books be rewritten, replacing such facts as "Sam Denton was a smuggler with the hallowed myths of our fathers. In Current History magazine W. I. Lincoln Adams, president of the Sons of the American Revolution, makes a plea for a rigid censorship of what the children are taught concerning the acts and motives of American historical characters.
Is not this, I ask, a mistaken attitude? In the course of time most Amer-

Questions Answered

Losses in Battle of Waterloo
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—What were the total casualties in the Battle of Waterloo? How many killed and wounded on both sides? WILLIAM F. ADAMSON. Lancaster, Pa. July 4, 1922.

The French loss in killed, wounded and missing has been placed at about 21,000 men; that of the Allies about 23,000.

Strongest Security Vault
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Where is the strongest security vault in the world located? HENRY C. BANKS. Allentown, Pa., July 9, 1922.

The building occupied by the firm of J. P. Moran & Co. in New York is said to contain the strongest security vault in the world—a vault that is proof against fire, water, moths and burglars. The vault is equipped with the latest and most complete system of time and combination locks, burglar alarms and electric lights. It is guarded night and day by patrolmen. Mirrors are so placed that these guardians can see around corners.

"Edison's Star"
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Will you kindly inform me whether there is a star known as the Edison star that appears in the sky by electricity? H. SMITH. Camden, N. J., July 5, 1922.

The so-called but misnamed "Edison star," which occasioned some excitement in this part of the country some years ago and caused wondering comment far beyond local environment, was one of the larger celestial objects that shone with unusual brilliancy during a season. The celestial astronomer, who is a trained vision much nearer earth than usual, and due to the fact that Mr. Edison was in the city at the time, the story of his laboratory in New Jersey, the story gained circulation that the great inventor had produced the "Edison star." The story of the brilliant spectacle, but not the fact that Mr. Edison was in the city at the time, the story gained circulation that the great inventor had produced the "Edison star." The story of the brilliant spectacle, but not the fact that Mr. Edison was in the city at the time, the story gained circulation that the great inventor had produced the "Edison star."

Poems and Songs

"When You and I Were Young"
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Will you kindly print in your wonderful, helpful People's Forum, if possible, the following:
"When You and I Were Young, Maggie," "The Cradle of our Freedom," "There and Hear My Prayers" (these are the first lines) and "Just a Dream of You, Dear."
FAITHFUL ADMIRER OF YOUR PAPER. Philadelphia, July 8, 1922.
Below will be found the first of the songs requested by the People's Forum correspondent. The other two are not at hand. Perhaps readers will furnish them.
WHEN YOU AND I WERE YOUNG
I wandered today to the hill, Maggie,
To watch the sunset glow;
The creek and the creaking old mill, Maggie,
As we used to long ago.
The stream flows on from the hill, Maggie,
Where first the daisies sprung;
The creaking old mill is still, Maggie,
Since you and I were young.
And now we are aged and gray, Maggie,
And the trials of life nearly done;
Let us sing of the days that are gone, Maggie,
When you and I were young.
A city so silent and lone, Maggie,
Where the young and the gay and the beautiful,
White mansions of stone, Maggie,
Have each found a place of rest.
Is built where the birds used to play, Maggie,
And join in the songs that were sung.
For we sang as gay as they, Maggie,
When you and I were young.
When you and I were young,
My steps are less sprightly than then;
My face is a well-written page, Maggie,
But time alone was the pen.
They say we are aged and gray, Maggie,
As sprays by the white breakers flung;
But to me you're as fair as you were, Maggie,
When you and I were young.

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No. 2—The Upper Wissahickon
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No. 4—The Lower Wissahickon

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"THE EIGHT WITH EIGHTY LESS PARTS"

Various short articles and letters including 'Beauty in Old Age', 'Lawless Auto Driving', 'WOMAN SLAPPED IN AUTO', 'MYSTERY IN MAN'S DEATH', 'Shamokin Storeroom Dynamited', 'After-Dinner Tricks', 'No. 209—The Obedient Cigarette'.

Piedmont The Virginia Cigarette advertisement featuring an illustration of a man on a horse and a woman in a field. Text includes: 'The early settlers bartered beads and trinkets for corn and Virginia tobacco. No man can want for more than Virginia tobacco gives—a natural purity and sweetness of taste at once pleasing and different. For cigarettes Virginia tobacco is the best. Riding in a Sleigh. The People's Forum will appear daily in the Evening Public Ledger, and also in the Saturday Public Ledger. Let your friends know by sending them a copy of the People's Forum as well as requested poems, and questions general interest will be answered.'

Economy Basement Specials for Tuesday

SNELLENBURGS ENTIRE BLOCK—MARKET 11th to 12th STREETS. MONDAY, JULY 10, 1922. Store Opens at 9 A. M. Closes at 5 P. M.

175 Seamless Velvet Rugs Wanted Size 9x12 Feet \$21.89. Tapestry Brussels Rugs Size 9x12 Feet \$11.79. Best Quality Grass Rugs Size 9x12 Feet \$4.39. Genuine CONGOLEUM ART RUGS. CORK LINOLEUM CLEARANCE. Room size lengths from our regular stock. Many to match. Neponset—Prolino—Cork Linooleum Rugs \$5 ea. A group of factory seconds in sizes from 6x9 to 9x12 feet. No Mail or Phone Orders.

Women's Undermuslins Half-Dozen Big Money-Saving Opportunities. Women's Undermuslins 39c. Women's Undermuslins 49c. Women's Nightgowns 69c. Women's Princess Slips 98c. Women's Envelope Chemises 59c. Women's Gowns at 98c.

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